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The following is supplemental to memorandum dated
November 5, 1964, at Dallas, Texas, captioned as above.

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Dallas T-1, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] furnished written reports on
November 3, 1964, concerning the alleged operations of a
group known as "MINUTEMEN" in the Fort Worth, Texas, area.
These reports were dated October 26, 1964 and October 29,
1964, respectively.

In substance, these reports are as follows:

"SUNDAY, Oct. 18, 1964 : At about 1:00 a.m.
the INFORMANT met SUBJECT 'A', 'B', and 'C' at Shady Oaks
Drive Inn Cafe, 516 Riverside Drive, Fort Worth, Texas.
They had their wives with them. They drank coffee and
talked (nothing of any significance regarding the MINUTE
MEN was discussed however). Arrangements were made to
meet that same night at SUBJECT 'A's' house and to then go
to SUBJECT 'G's' farm for a meeting.

"About 9:00 or 10:00 p.m. the INFORMANT went to
SUBJECT 'A's' house. SUBJECTS 'B' and 'G' were already
there. There was also a man unknown to the INFORMANT. He
was described as a white male, between 30 and 35 years old,
approximately six feet tall, 250 pounds, husky build, blond
hair, and poorly dressed. The INFORMANT gained the impression
that this man worked in Dallas and had driven SUBJECT 'G' to
the meeting in a 1951 or 1952 Ford sedan. The INFORMANT
described this vehicle as a 'junker'. This person did very
little talking. The INFORMANT stated that they did not go
to the farm as planned but held the meeting at SUBJECT 'A's'
house.

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"The purpose of the meeting was to get the members together again and build up interest in the organization. That they had been somewhat quiescent since November of 1963 and the leadership desired that they become active again. SUBJECT 'G' took the position of leadership within the group and told them that the group was working on a plan to set up various points throughout Tarrant County where the members would meet. That a password would be given each member and changed monthly. The reason for this reorganization was given as the inability of individual members being able to name co-conspirators if apprehended by the authorities during or following acts of sabotage inasmuch as members unknown to each other would be assigned to each reporting point. SUBJECT 'G' told the group that they would be advised when the details were worked out. SUBJECT 'G' also talked about what the INFORMANT referred to as 'the usual stuff they tell us about the government being Communistic'. The INFORMANT recalled that SUBJECT 'G' told them that the government said that there were only 20,000 Communists in the United States but that the MINUTE MEN had 60,000 under surveillance - hence the government was trying to conceal the strength of the Communists in this country. That there were many negros among the Communists and that these negros were arming themselves with 30/06 rifles, .38 caliber revolvers, and 12 gauge shotguns. That in the event of a negro uprising, the government would take the side of the negro and would support them against the whites.

"SUBJECT 'G' told them that they would not be able to use the farm any longer inasmuch as Federal Officers had it under surveillance. He said that 'they' had caught a man on the farm (apparently recently) and searched him. That he had F.B.I. identification on his person. That 'they' have also noticed a bread truck parked on a hill overlooking the farm several times. That there were two men in the truck and one was seen observing the farm with field glasses. That groups from Dallas had been meeting and firing at the farm and it was possible someone had been followed from Dallas to the farm. SUBJECT 'G' ask each one at the meeting to try to locate a safe place in the country where they could meet and fire weapons."

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Dallas T-1 advises that in his opinion this would be a possible means of infiltrating the group with a federal agent. The informant said he would consider meeting another government agent for this purpose so long as he were not a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agent."

Dallas T-1's report continues as follows:

"SUBJECT 'G' ask the INFORMANT to join the Fort Worth Gun Club. As a member he could take guests to the range and teach them to shoot. SUBJECT 'G' told them that the organization was starting a membership drive. That they especially wanted men from among the business and professional men. That they did NOT want any men with criminal records or who were likely to get into any trouble with the authorities. SUBJECT 'G' ask the INFORMANT to act as pistol coach for the new members and told him to get ready to begin giving pistol training shortly. The INFORMANT ask that the government provide him with \$18.00 to pay the yearly dues at the Fort Worth Rifle Club. He also ask that the government arrange for the use of some ranch or farm land not too far from Dallas or Fort Worth so that the MINUTE MEN will have a place to train. He also pointed out the obvious advantages to the government of being able to observe the various men he teaches pistol shooting to at the Fort Worth Gun Club, to be able to observe the MINUTE MEN during their field training in the country, and especially of infiltrating a federal agent into the organization.

"The INFORMANT stated that the MINUTE MEN have provided him with approximately 10,000 rounds of .38 caliber ammunition to use in training Minute Men in pistol shooting. That about half of this ammunition is reloaded and half military ammunition. He stated that he has also been supplied with some 700 to 800 rounds of .30 caliber machine gun ammunition. The INFORMANT stated that SUBJECT 'G' gave him 1,000 small pistol primers during the meeting to use in reloading .38 caliber pistol ammunition.

"The INFORMANT also said that SUBJECTS 'A' and 'G' have told him that they want him to demonstrate the use of

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"the Thompson submachine gun to some 'very important people.' This is supposed to take place at some later date. The SUBJECT stated that he used to be expert with this weapon but had not fired it for quite some time.

"MONDAY, Oct. 19, 1964 : At about 8:00 p.m. SUBJECT 'A' came to the INFORMANT's house. SUBJECT 'A' and the INFORMANT went in the INFORMANT'S car to a point (intersection) on the Randel Mill Road, and at that point under two large trees, they found a car waiting for them. The car was a late model blue Oldsmobile or Buick sedan. Five men were inside. The INFORMANT had seen only one of these men previously. (This man was the one referred to as The Speaker in the report of Oct. 6, 1964.) SUBJECT 'A' did most of the talking. He went over some of the same subjects discussed by the group the previous night and told the men that a meeting was planned later. That the meeting would be at either Benbrook Lake or Fisherman Paradise (in Johnson County, Texas). That they would be notified when and where later. The INFORMANT stated that these men were all armed with .38 caliber revolvers. The meeting lasted about fifteen or twenty minutes.

"TUESDAY, Oct. 20, 1964 : At about 8:00 p.m. SUBJECT 'D' came to the INFORMANTS house and they went, in SUBJECT 'D's' car, to Eagle Mountain Lake. Near an excavated area for a new spillway, they met a 1959 Ford sedan, black with gold trim on the rear fenders. There were four men in the car. As usual, no introductions were made. SUBJECT 'D' repeated pretty much the same information as SUBJECT 'A' had the night before. This meeting lasted about twenty minutes. The INFORMANT stated that all of the men were armed with .38 caliber pistols."

Dallas T-1 advised that informant stated he has heard the organization referred to as both the "MINUTEMEN" and the "American Underground." Informant stated that normally the group was not named as such when talking among themselves inasmuch as they all knew what it was. Dallas T-1 queried informant as to whether the group was the same all over the country and informant seemed surprised that anyone would think there were several such groups. Informant

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stated that frequent mention is made about the organization elsewhere, usually to impress someone with how large and powerful it is. Dallas T-1 advised that informant has disclosed the name of Subject "B" as Otto "Duke" Koling, 2341 Harris Lane, Halton City, Texas.

Dallas T-1 advised the remainder of the information originally reported by this informant is still correct as far as he knows.

"FRIDAY, Oct. 23, 1964 : At the INFORMANT'S request Dallas T-1 met with both he and his wife. He had ask me to do this at the last meeting inasmuch as she had become frightened about his working as an informant for the government. He felt that she needed assurance from someone besides himself that his work as an informant was of importance to the government and was worth the personal risk all of them were taking. I tried to do this and, up to a point, think I was successful. Both the INFORMANT and his wife brought up the subject of the telephone again. They both discussed the danger to themselves in making contacts at either their home or the INFORMANT'S place of employment. They again spoke of their inability to pay the \$53.00 themselves.

"They did tell me that about six weeks prior to November 22, 1963 one of the members of the MINUTE MEN (they said they could not recall who) came to their house about 9:30 p.m. He came to the front door and told the INFORMANT'S wife that he wanted some ammunition. A man was with him. Both men stayed in the yard and did not enter the house. The INFORMANT got the ammunition and gave it to them. Neither thought any more about it until November 22, 1964 when they saw a newspaper photograph of Lee Harvey Oswald. Both noticed a close resemblance between Oswald and the man who was with the MINUTE MAN a few weeks before. Both were afraid that he was Oswald and were afraid to say anything. Both said they felt the MINUTE MEN were involved in the assassination although they claimed that very little was said by members they knew following the assassination except to express satisfaction that it happened. I told the INFORMANT I had someone in Dallas I wanted him to see and we arranged to do so on Oct. 28th.

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"SATURDAY, Oct. 24, 1964 : The INFORMANT met several members of the group at the Shady Oaks Cafe during the course of the evening but no MINUTE MEN business was discussed.

"SUNDAY, Oct. 25, 1964 : About 7:30 p.m. SUBJECT 'A' came to the INFORMANT's house and told him that he was to meet a man the next night. The INFORMANT was to go to the 7th Street Montgomery Ward's store at 7:30 p.m. and wait in the sporting goods department to be contacted.

"MONDAY, Oct. 26, 1964 : The INFORMANT did as instructed. He was approached by a white male, 40 to 45 years old, 160 pounds, medium build, 5 foot 8 or 9 inches in height, fairly well educated but not of professional standing in conversation or appearance. The INFORMANT said that this man drove a 1963 Ford Galaxy 500 black and white sedan. He said that he failed to obtain the license number of the car. They drove to the west part of Fort Worth - probably the Rivercrest area. The man ask the INFORMANT to wear very dark glasses. They went to a house that the INFORMANT assumes was the man's. They talked in the garage. The man questioned the INFORMANT for some time about his knowledge of, and interest in, the ideals of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. The man also questioned the INFORMANT at considerable length about his knowledge on weapons. The INFORMANT stated that he felt he passes in both areas. The man showed the INFORMANT a Browning .50 caliber automatic rifle with two metal cans of ammunition. He was also shown two Reising and one Ingram submachine guns. He thought the reason he was shown these weapons was to impress him and to see if he was familiar with them. The man advised the INFORMANT to begin drawing away from the people he had been associated with in the past in the MINUTE MEN. That these men were too likely to get into trouble with the law and could not be trusted to any extent. The INFORMANT stated that the man implied he was to given a more trustworthy position in the future. The man also advised the INFORMANT to move to a different house if he could afford it. Especially one with a double garage. The man took the INFORMANT back to his car."

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Dallas T-1 at this point advised that he did not feel INFORMANT was being entirely honest with him inasmuch as he believes the identity of the above man was known to informant.

"WEDNESDAY, Oct. 28, 1964 : Up to the time of our meeting, the INFORMANT had no contact with anyone in the MINUTE MEN". Dallas T-1 advised "I picked up the INFORMANT about 4:00 p.m. and drove him to Dallas, Texas. I drove him to the vicinity of The Gun Shop, 7402 Harry Hines Blvd., a business operated by one JOHN THOMAS MASEN. I pointed out the business to the INFORMANT. We then drove by and observed several men in the front of the shop. The INFORMANT picked out MASEN from the group and identified him as the man that he thought was Oswald. I parked around the corner and the INFORMANT walked back to the shop. He returned about ten minutes later and said that MASEN recognized him when he entered the shop and appeared glad to see him. That they talked guns a few minutes and Masen invited him to come back. The INFORMANT stated that he does not know if Masen if a member of the MINUTE MEN or not."

On October 30, 1964, Dallas T-1 advised that about 9:30 a.m., he received a telephone call from informant who advised him that he had decided not to work any longer on this investigation. Informant stated that he trusted Dallas T-1 personally, but had come to the conclusion that either the people he worked for were not interested in his information or there was "something going on that he did not understand." Dallas T-1 further states that he believes that informant had been irked by the fact that the government had not installed or furnished him money for him to have a telephone installed and also that informant was under considerable pressure from his wife to get out of the investigation due to danger she seems to feel involves the entire family.

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